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THE SIAMESE TWINS.

The Siamese Twins, Eng and Chang, lately residing in North Carolina, were afflicted with illness in the year 1871. They were born at a small village on the coast of Siam, in the year 1811. Their parents got their living by fishing and until 1829, when Eng and Chang were brought to the United States, they made their living by selling shellfish. Their mother bore seventeen children. At one time she gave birth to three and never less than two. But none of these children were deformed. The Twins were united at the anterior part of the chest by a prolongation of a kind of fleshy band the size of the hand. This band of flesh is about two inches broad and four inches thick. The whole mass is tough and capable of being considerably extended. One could whisper in the ear of one of them without the other hearing, while volatile salts applied to the nostrils of one had no effect on the other; and while pinching the arm of one excited no sensation in the other, still if you put a pin in the exact vertical centre of this connecting link both would flinch from the hurt. The Twins were seldom observed to converse with each other. They played a good game of draughts, made pretty much the same moves, and at the same time and frequently played against each other.

After attracting a vast amount of attention among the scientists and physiologists in the old world, they married two sisters, and settled down near Salisbury, N. C., on a well-stocked plantation. In addition they had at one period ample funds invested through their agent in New York. During the war they continued to reside on their plantation and lived in the same quiet and harmony as ever, until some few years afterwards. Of course, no one ever thought of drafting them and their negroes prospered. Except when out of temper from any cause, it was apt to work itself off in striking the first one that came to hand, from which the best escape was to keep out of the way. The brothers probably never would have had any difficulty, but that their wives, though sisters, turned away their hearts, and the children were the cause of this estrangement. Up to the period that each had five children all prospered well enough, but one of them had a sixth, and this awoke envy and jealousy to such a degree that the twin sisters, not being bound together like the twin brothers, would no longer live under the same roof. The brothers were it seems, about fifty-four years of age, but one, we believe, the smaller and feebler of the two, looked, it is said, ten years older than the other. They could turn either back to back or face to face, but that is as far as the remarkable bond that united them permitted. It is almost certain that should either die the other could not survive even more than a few minutes, as there is an artery as large as the femoral artery that connects them. A few years since they corresponded with some of the leading surgical operators in London, as to the possibility of the umbilical being cut, so that in case of the death of one, the life of the other might be saved. At the request of the London surgeon they visited that city, and many experiments were tried to determine the safety of such an operation. Among other things a ligature was tried firmly for a few minutes around the connection between the two, to prevent the circulation of blood through the artery. But it seemed as if each would expire if this were persisted in. The smaller of the two fainted away and lost all consciousness, and there were symptoms that the same effort would follow to the other, but the process could not be continued long enough without endangering the life of him who was the first to faint. Since the breaking out of the rebellion the twins both dressed in Confederate gray, and were both members of the same church, having united with a small Baptist church in their neighborhood of which they were considered very worthy members, though born Siamese.—N. Y. Herald.

NIGHT IN A JAPANESE HOTEL.—As I was about to pass my first night in a Japanese house, I watched anxiously the preparation for sleeping. These were simple enough; a mattress in the form of a very thick quilt, about seven feet long by four wide, was spread on the floor; and over it was laid an ample robe, very long and heavily padded, and provided with large sleeves. Having put on this night-dress, the sleeper covers himself with another quilt, and sleeps, i. e., if he has had some years' practice in the use of this bed.

But the most remarkable feature about a Japanese bed is the pillow. This is a wooden box four inches high, eight inches long and two inches wide at the top. It has a cushion of folded papers on the upper side to rest the neck on, for the elaborate manner of dressing the hair does not permit the Japanese, especially the woman, to press the head on a pillow. Every morning the uppermost paper is taken off from the cushion, thus exposing a clean surface without the expense of washing a pillow-case.

I passed the greater part of the night in learning how to poise my head in this novel manner; and when I finally closed my eyes, it was to dream that I was being slowly beheaded, and to awake at the crisis to find the pillow bottom side up, and my neck resting on the sharp lower edge of the box. During my stay in the country I learned many of its customs, mastering the use of chop-sticks, and accustoming my palate to raw, fresh fish, but the attempt to balance my head on a two-inch pillow I gave up in despair, after trying in vain to secure the box by tying it to my neck and head.

POWER OF CONGRESS OVER RAILWAYS.

The Baltimore Sun says:
"The bill reported by the Committee on Railways and Canals to the House of Representatives on Tuesday to regulate commerce by railroads among the several States provides for a regulation of passenger and freight charges through a commission of nine members, to be appointed by the President and Senate, to hold office for two, four and six years, salary \$4,000 and travelling expenses. Accompanying the bill is an elaborate report entering at great length into the question of constitutionality, basing their argument on section 8, article 1, of the constitution, conferring on Congress the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes; the committee claim to establish the proposition that the commerce among the several States which may be regulated by Congress includes commerce carried from State to State by railroads, and that to regulate the charges for carrying freight or passengers upon interstate railroads, so as to limit them to what is fair and reasonable and prevent extortion, is a legitimate exercise of the power to regulate such commerce. The idea of a commission of politicians, however, determining what is fair and reasonable in such matters is simply absurd, to say nothing of the question of power."

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dec 22

OWING to the increased demand for the celebrated REBECCA KID GLOVES, PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM have just received a new supply of popular shades—one and two buttons—at the nominal price of \$1.00 and \$1.25.
dec 22

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dec 22

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Sole Agents for the celebrated

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(Every pair warranted.)
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Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underwear, fine stock of Linen Sock, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Ruffs, Portmonaies, &c., at 144 King street.
dec 20

NEW GOODS! AT NEW GOODS!

ROBERT L. WOOD'S
No. 62 King street.

Purchasers are especially invited to call and examine our stock of

LADIES' DRESS GOODS.
Much of which was bought at the recently reduced prices, and consist of French Merinos, French Cassimeres, all Wool Rugs, new style Serges, Empruss Cloths, Balen Cloths, Poplins, Dolaines, Alpines, Rich Plain, Tycoon Rugs, &c. Also in

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We have especial bargains in wide Black Cassimeres, Black all Wool Poplins, Black pure Mohair, Red Crow Black Alpaca, French Black Moulins, with a full line of Gray and Second Mourning Dress Goods.

Our assortment embraces a great variety of colors, including all the desirable new shades. Especial inducements offered to cash buyers.
nov 19

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DRESS GOODS AND SHAWLS
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BLANKETS, all numbers and qualities.

FLANNELS, white, red and grey.

COTTON SHEETINGS, in all widths.

CANTON FLANNELS, bleached and bro.

and everything else to make our assortment complete. We invite all who want to make purchases in our line to give us a call. We have the goods, and the prices are right.
nov 13 D. F. WITMER CO.

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BOOTS AND SHOES,

of fine and coarse work, ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable and stylish manner, comprising a great variety of new and handsome styles.

Also a large stock of

BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS,

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sep 12-4f

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dec 31 D. F. WITMER CO.

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oct 18

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oct 18

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oct 18

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aug 25

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jan 15-4f

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50 BOXES LAYER RAISINS, whole,

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